

Claims 29-39, and 52-64 of Group II are to be withdrawn from prosecution, it being understood that Group II and claims 29-39, and 52-64 may be filed in a divisional application in the future.

An action on the merits is requested.

This election is believed to place this case in condition for examination, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to provide an action on the merits.

In the event there are any further issues outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone attorney for applicant at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the accompanying Election is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope address to: Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on August 2, 2002.

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